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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are a PTO-1449 and copies of references for the Examiner's review. Two of these references were cited on page 6 of the specification. The U.S. patent was cited in an International Search Report, dated December 21, 2000, in a corresponding foreign application.

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Consideration of the foregoing and the return of a copy of the PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited.

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